



Bobcats of the Month



photos courtesy Ignacio Elementary School

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for December for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Houston Cunningham, Perla Gonzalez, Elliot Hendren, Kessley Tallbird, Mia Tallbird and Eufemia Pardo.

Education update

January classes for tribal members

Scrapbooking: Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will use paper crafting, stamping, stickers for scrap booking. Bring pictures, mementos, souvenirs, concert tickets etc. Contact Luana Herrera at Higher Education 970-563-0237 to sign up for either or all classes.

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: The January test date has been moved to Jan. 13, Feb. 3 and March 2. The test is held at the Education Building on Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

Ignacio High School

First quarter honor roll

SENIORS		SOPHOMORE	
4.0	Carly Barborinas	4.0	Jeannie Grossardt
	Layla Hessler		Kelton Richmond
	Shane Richmond		Jayce Stricherz
	Zachary White	3.8	Justin Carver
3.7	Brittney Benavidez		Shannon Mestas
	Kelsey Frost	3.7	Malli Benavidez
	Dusty Mangus		Clayton Jefferson
	Abeth Okall	3.6	Christian Knoll
3.6	Colton Wyatt		Cloe Seibel
3.5	Teagan Overturf	3.5	Cheyenne Cook
	Alex Pena		Jasmine Red
	Shawnara Troup		Raelynn Torres
3.2	Kashina Perry	3.3	Akasia Oberly
	Matthew Peterson-Silva	3.2	Jacob Candelaria
	Christian Rockwell		Fabian Martinez
3.0	Deeana Cruz	3.1	Kerestine Hall
	Rylie Jefferson	3.0	David Baca
	Jesse Vigil		John House
			Samuel Mestas
JUNIORS		FRESHMAN	
3.8	Kayla Knipp	4.0	Tyler Riepel
3.7	Sally Niggli	3.7	David Cooper
	Kiersten Raby	3.6	Dynesha Drake
	Christopher Russell		Adison Jones
	David Storey		Alicia Naranjo
	William Taylor		Alexis Tyner
	Amanda Witcher		James Ballew
3.6	Breana Talamante-Benavidez	3.3	Marillee Cotton
3.5	Mary Kate Adams		Blaine Mickey
	Barbie Lujan		Xavier Reynolds
	Tristany Valencia	3.2	Tanisha Coyote
	Mariah Vigil		Sarah Sitton
3.3	Jordan Cuthair	3.1	July Stricherz
3.2	Austin Haire	3.0	Kiara Raby
	Christopher McDonald		
3.1	Alexxandria Troup		
3.0	Courtney Valdez		
	Michelle Simmons		
	Taylor Smith		
Student of the quarter – 1st quarter			
Seniors: Alex Pena and Kashina Perry			
Junior: Mary Kate Adams			
Sophomore: Kelton Richmond			
Freshman: Angel Bowman			
Teacher of the quarter: Mr. Tyson Wood			

Fourth-graders win IIS food drive



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Students of the Ignacio Intermediate School competed by grade level in this year's Sharing Tree Food Drive. The project works to supply those in need with non-perishable food items for the holiday season; gift baskets are distributed throughout the Ignacio community. Representing the winners, fourth-graders from the student council gathered to show off their contributions (left to right): Elco Garcia Jr., Makayla Howell and Hannah Cundiff. Together the school raised 644 items of food, half of which was brought in by the fourth-grade class alone. They will be rewarded with a movie and pizza party following the holiday break.

Southern Ute Education Department

Southern Ute tribal students of the month

Introducing a special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



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Allisianna Baker
6th grade, Ignacio Intermediate School

Parents: Alex Baker and Monique Marquez.
Grandparents: Mitchell and Ellen Baker, Yvonne and Chris Martinez.
Subjects: Strengths are math and science.
Hobbies: After-school activities, such as match club, Lego league. Enjoys traveling. Member of the Intermediate school council.
When I grow up: "Every since I was little I have wanted to be an orthopedic surgeon."
Teacher comments: Allisianna is a delightful young person with quiet leadership potential. She is always respectful, reliable and compassionate. She earned 6th grade honor roll for first trimester.



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Jazmin Carmenoros
3rd grade, Ignacio Elementary School

Guardian: Darlene Frost, my auntie.
Favorite subject: Math, language and computers.
I like participating in soccer, basketball and flag football.
In addition, I want to be a dentist.
I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month of September because I complete my school work like I'm suppose to. My teachers all say I am very friendly and like to help everyone. I work hard.
"I enjoy going to powwows. I also like to watch my cousins play basketball, football and baseball. I enjoy going to school and learning all I can. I want to go to college when I graduate. I have two brothers, Jace is in 1st grade and Jordon in in the 6th grade."

Holiday School Closures

Ignacio School District: Dec. 19 – Jan. 2
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy: Dec. 19 – Jan. 2
Southern Ute Montessori Head Start: Dec. 19 – Jan. 2
Bayfield School District: Dec. 22 – Jan. 6